

19th Century Era Railcars to be Displayed in Heber

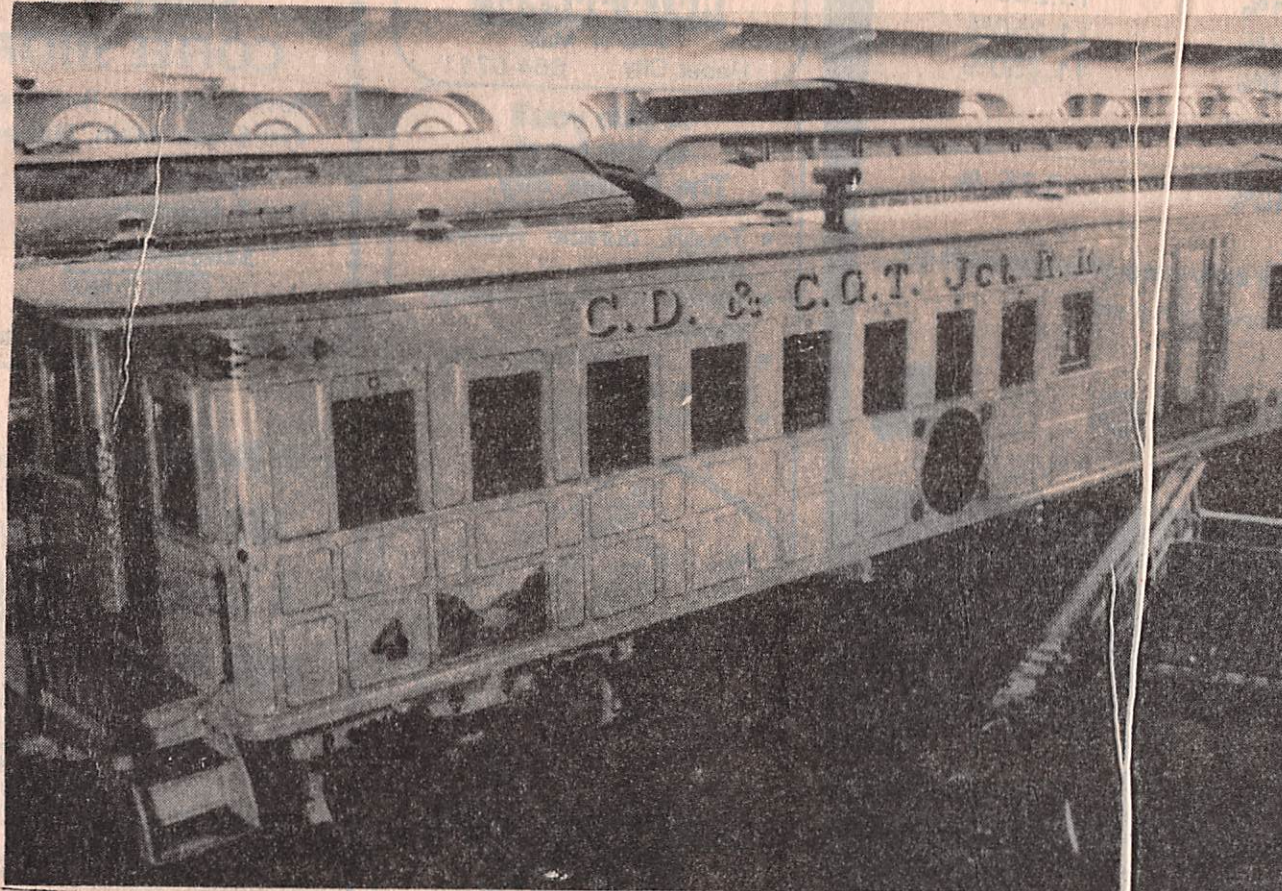
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The Deer Creek Scenic Railroad in Heber City, operator of the Heber Creeper steam train will be exhibiting two reproduction 1865-era railroad passenger coaches.

The cars, which were purchased from the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, were built to resemble the railroad cars in which the famous inventor, Thomas Edison, worked as a boy. One of the cars is fitted as a passenger coach, and the other is fitted out as a baggage car including the benches where young Tom Edison conducted his experiments. The cars, which were completed in 1926 by the Ford Company Rouge Plant Railroad Shop, are exact replicas of an 1865 Jackson & Sharp passenger coach.

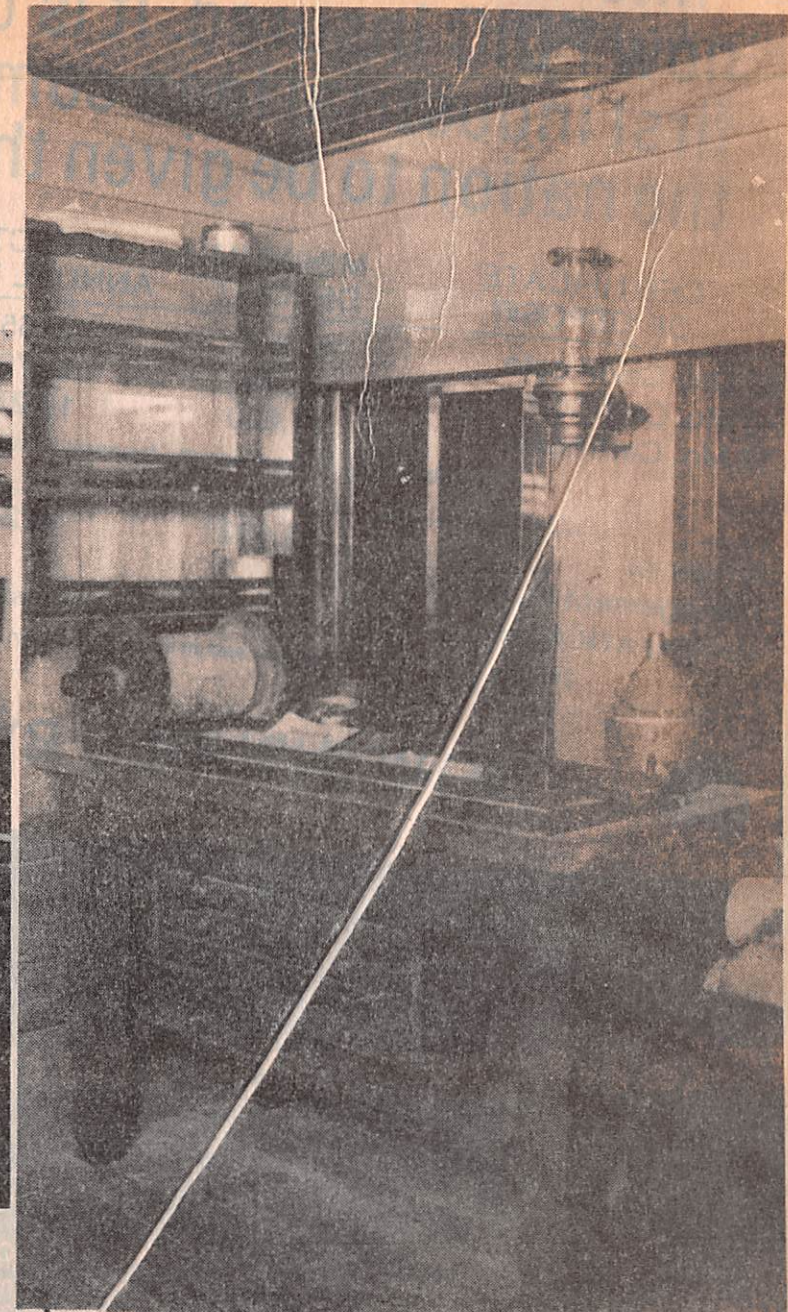
The cars will be on display June 23, and 24th at the Heber Creeper parking lot in Heber City. They will then be moved into storage until a locomotive from that era is restored, and will then be put into limited usage. At that time, Heber Creeper will be able to offer a ride on the oldest, regularly scheduled train operation in the century.

Person wishing further information, may call the Creeper at 654-3229 (531-6022 Salt Lake.)



This coach, here pictured at the Museum of Detroit, [above] will be one of two on display at the Heber Creeper train yard. This press [right] was used by

Thomas Edison as a boy, and is part of the display that's coming to Heber City.



Train Hits Truck on Tracks

28 June 1984

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR-A freak accident occured on the railroad tracks of the Heber Creeper near Deer Creek Reservoir.

Donald N. Mangum, of Provo, was driving down the railroad tracks heading south, when he heard the whistle of the Heber Creeper making its way up the canyon.

Mangum attempted to pull the 1981 Toyota 4 X 4 off the tracks, but the rear wheel of the truck was stuck.

As the train pulled around the corner, it slammed into Toyota.

Riding with Mangum were three minor passengers.

There were minor damages to the locomotive.